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CONCORD, N.H.

Colonel Ralph W. Caswell  
Superintendent of State Police  
State House Annex  
Concord, New Hampshire

Re: Binder Chains

Dear Colonel Caswell:

You have requested this office to advise you whether three binder chains are required for each pile of logs on a semi-trailer unit loaded with two separate piles of logs, each of them being greater than eight feet high and eight feet long.

The applicable provisions of RSA 263:68 refer to motor trucks, trailers or semi-trailers as the units used for transportation and specifies the dimensions of loads to be bound by three chains, made of not less than three-eighths inch wire, chains and binders to be held firmly in place and properly spaced to secure the load. Taking into account the requirement of proper spacing the dimensions of the contemplated load to be so bound and the further requirement of the statute that each such load on each such unit shall be so bound, makes it manifest that each such pile or load which is greater than eight feet high and longer than eight feet must be bound by three binder chains and if there are two such piles or loads of said dimensions on a single trailer unit, each such pile or load must be so bound requiring in such case six binder chains properly spaced.

Very truly yours,

George F. Nelson  
Assistant Attorney General

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